# Chinook Salmon Scale Reader Measurement Training

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### **Outline**

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# Measurement accuracy Biological data

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- Kappa

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### Introduction: Scale measurement

Purpose: Measure historical annual salmon growth to answer research hypotheses

#### Readers mark:

- Annuli (FW1, SW1, SW2, etc)
- Freshwater plus

### Introduction: Scale measurement

Process:

Bring ASL and Sample data into database Scan

ScreenScan

Save image name to database

Measure

Image Pro Plus macro

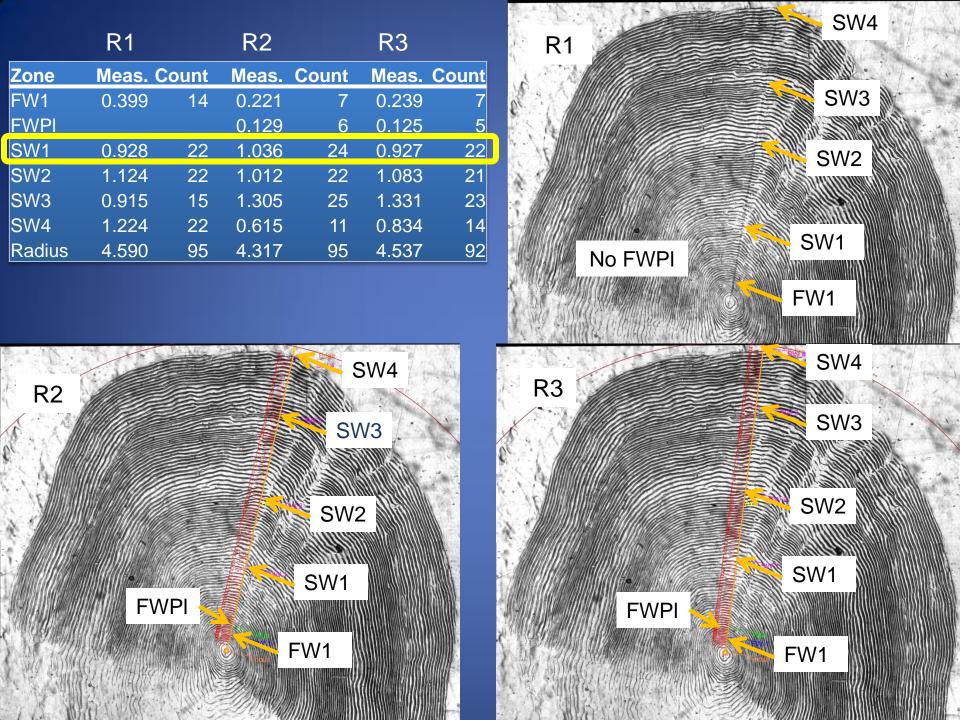
Save measurements to text file

Import measurements to database

Review measurements

# Introduction: Training

- 1. Readers study image collections
- 2. Pass aging test: >90% for each age (Chinook: 1.3 and 1.4)
- 50 scales total
- All stocks
- 3. Consistent with production measurements (MANOVA P < 0.05)



### Scale measurement

#### Can be differences in:

- Transect placement
- Zone markings

### Therefore, it is important to examine:

- Between and within reader consistency
- Accuracy

#### Multiple analysis of variance (MANOVA)

 $\overline{H_0}$ :  $\mu FW1_A = \mu FW1_B$  and  $\mu SW1_A = \mu SW1_B$  ...

- Maintains magnitude of Type I error
- Considers all zones jointly
- Considers correlation of variation between readers

#### **Method**

Re-measure 20-50 scales

#### Results

Example 1: Readers not consistent

Example 2: Readers consistent

Example 1: Readers not consistent

Data set-up

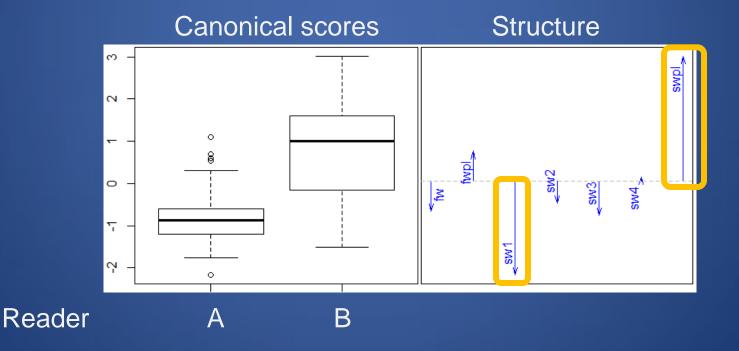
F	Reader	Fish	FW1	FWPL	SW1	SW2	SW3	SW4	SWPL
	А	1	0.2296	0.2245	1.0615	0.8136	1.1993	0.2822	0
	Α	2	0.2594	0.1943	1.0718	0.6519	1.0375	0.6541	0
	A								
	В	1	0.1706	0.2428	0.9186	0.8445	1.0816	0.5286	0
	В	2	0.2626	0.1223	1.0516	0.6783	0.9168	0.6696	0.1375
	В								

Zone average for reader

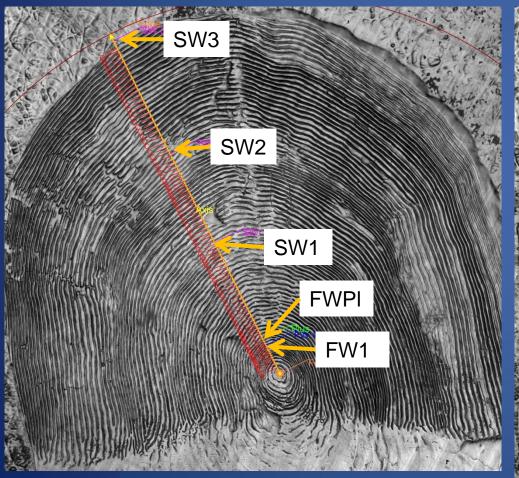
Average	Reader	FW	FWPL	SW1	SW2	SW3	SW4	SWPL
Measurement	A	0.3534	0.1474	1.2343	1.0955	1.1730	0.4585	0.0168
(mm)	В	0.3344	0.1801	1.1628	1.0590	1.1201	0.4732	0.1254
Circuli Count	A	11.3	4.7	26.7	22.0	21.2	8.3	0.3
	В	10.4	5.7	24.5	21.4	20.4	8.5	2.6

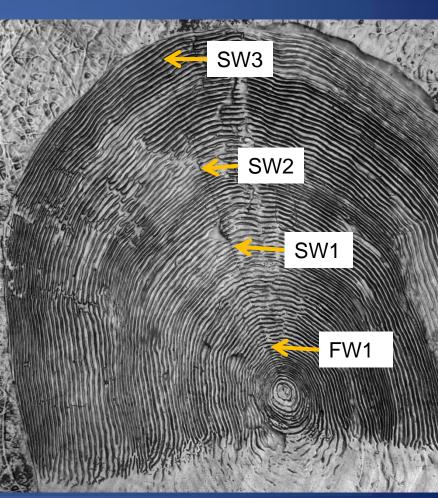
#### MANOVA results:

Factor	Df	Pillai	approx F	num Df	den Df	Pr(>F)
Read	1	0.37092	5.2223	7	62	0.0001
Residuals	68					



Reader A Reader B





Example 2: Readers consistent

Data set-up

G	Reader	Fish	FW1	FWPL	SW1	SW2	SW3	SW4	SWPL
	А	1	0.228	0.1045	1.0053	1.0672	0.6429	0.8283	0
ı	Α	2	0.2962	0.1001	1.2758	1.179	1.9878	0	0.2693
	Α								
	В	1	0.213	0.0696	0.8741	0.9342	0.8132	0.5104	0
	В	2	0.3513	0	1.1493	0.8328	2.1536	0	0
	В								

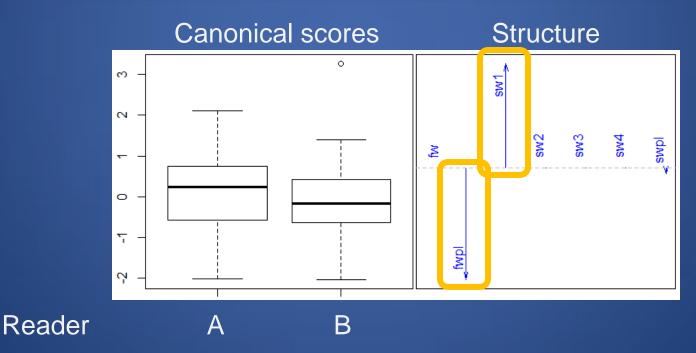
Zone average for reader

Average
Measurement
(mm)
Circuli Count

	Reader	FW	FWPL	SW1	SW2	SW3	SW4	SWPL
	A	0.3631	0.0931	1.3046	1.1287	1.0610	0.5803	0.0108
)	В	0.3293	0.1040	1.2804	1.0596	1.0856	0.5244	0.0111
t	A	11.3	3.3	27.9	22.0	19.3	10.6	0.2
	В	10.1	3.8	27.9	20.9	20.0	9.2	0.2

#### MANOVA results:

Factor	Df	Pillai	approx F	num Df den	Df	Pr(>F)
Reader	1	0.0079	0.0916	7	81	0.9986
Residuals	87					



# Reader consistency

#### MANOVA tests occur:

- Each new species
- Each new reader for a system
- At completion of each system
- After scales have been remeasured for accuracy

### Reader accuracy

Review measurement for a system by:

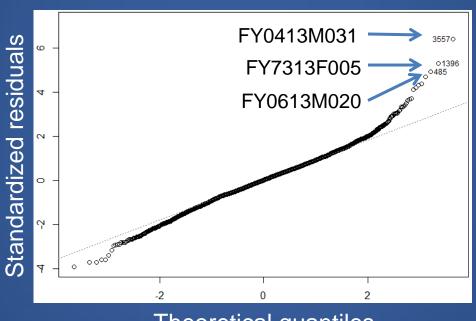
- Passing validation during import process, number of zones matches age
- Largest and smallest zone measurement, circuli count, and circuli spacing examined
- Examining outlier for each zone:

$$Zone_C = Age + Length + Sex$$

where Zone<sub>C</sub> is zone radius, circuli count, or average circuli spacing

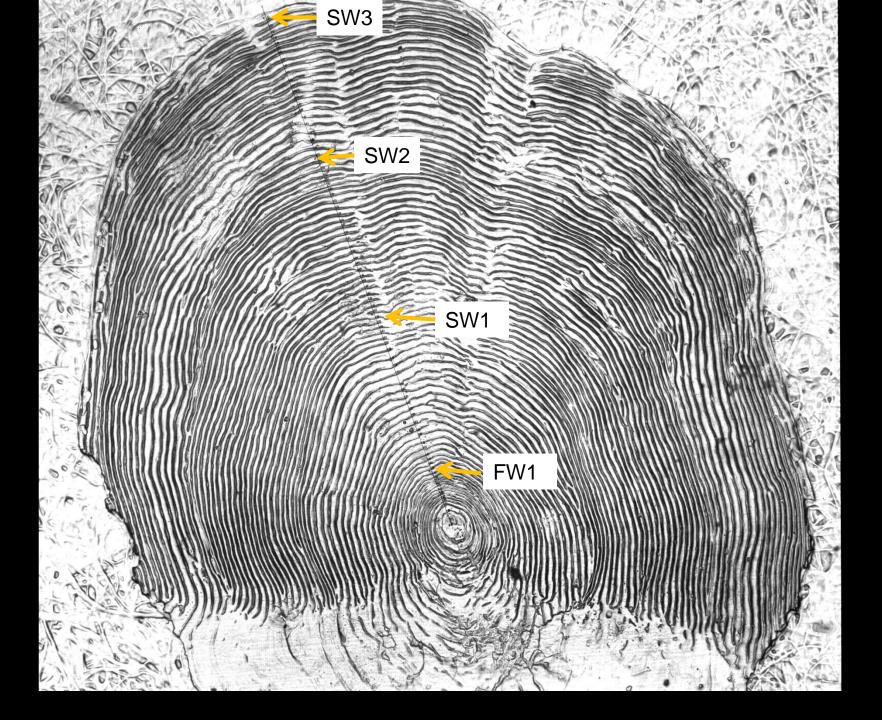
### Reader accuracy: Linear model

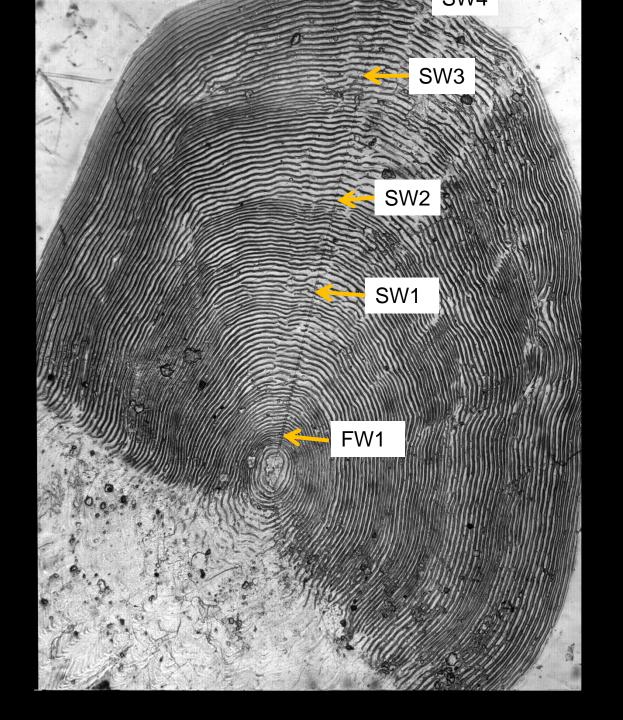


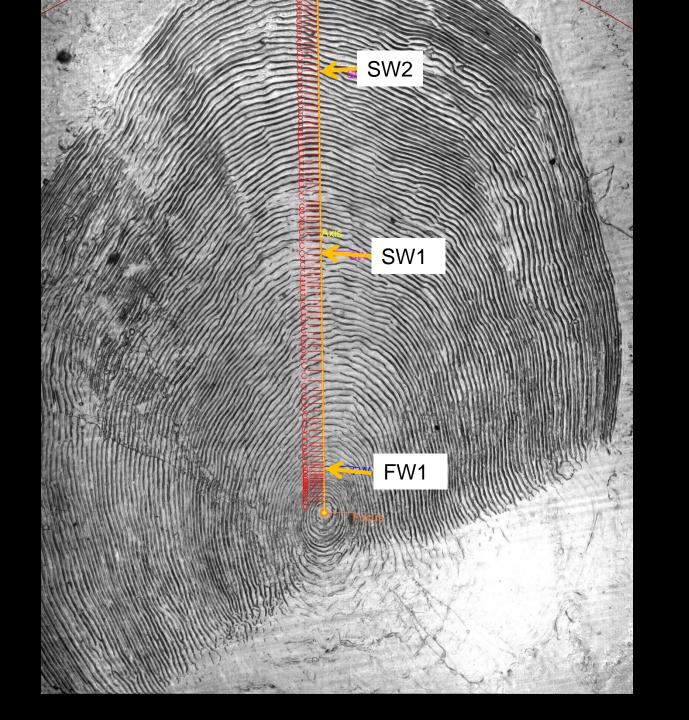


Theoretical quantiles

SW1 
$$_{radius}$$
 = Age + Length + Sex N = 3796







### Reader accuracy

#### Outliers are:

- Unreasonable annulus placement
- Non-preferred, regenerated, or resorbed scales
- Overlapping juvenile patterns:
  - Freshwater annulus
  - Freshwater plus growth
  - Intermediate growth in brackish water
  - Growth variable temperatures, prey, and competition in near-shore marine waters
  - A second freshwater annulus
  - No freshwater annulus
- Mis-aged scales

# Reader agreement: Kappa

Method for measuring reader agreement on two or more choices

Accounts for agreement that occurs by chance:

$$\kappa = \frac{p_o - p_e}{1 - p_e}$$

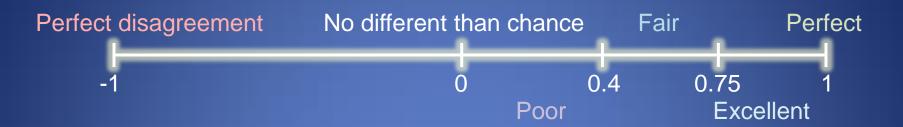
$$p_o = observed,$$

$$p_e = expected$$



Potential: Evaluate reader age agreement

## Kappa: Example results



#### Agreement matrix:

#### Reader A

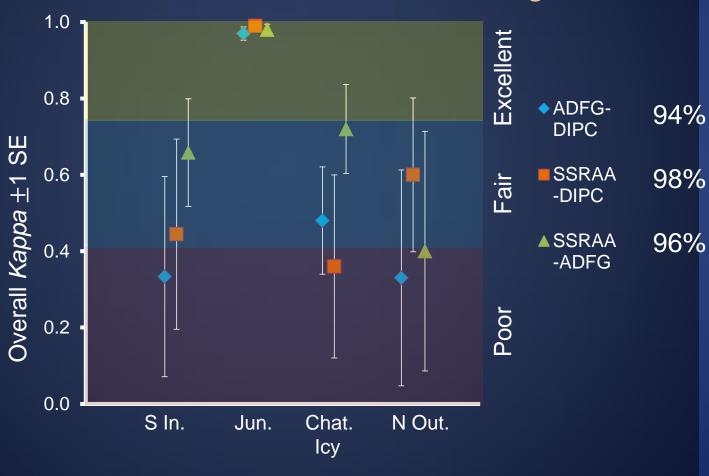
		2.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6
В	2.3	5				
Reader	1.3		12	15	1	
ad	1.4			178	27	
Ze:	1.5		1	1	100	1
-	1.6					20

#### Results:

	Kappa	S.E.(0)
Overall	0.78	0.04
2.3	1.00	0.05
1.3	0.56	0.05
1.4	0.76	0.05
1.5	0.80	0.05
1.6	0.97	0.05

# Kappa: Example results

2009 SEAK chum salmon thermal mark agreement



### **Discussion**

Reader comparisons used to identify zones with the biggest differences between readers to work towards reader consistency

Desire to develop a time series of salmon scales from various environments and stocks to characterize scale patterns for a reference collection and improve accuracy



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